GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:354
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CHANGE OF NORMS UNDER AUWSP
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to change the norms for Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme in view of the rise in population of towns in the last two decades;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of towns in India having less than 20,000 population and number of towns having population between 20,000 to 1,00,000 as per the 2001 census;

(d) whether the State Governments have approached the Union Government with a request to change the norms of this programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.354 FOR 19.4.2005 REGARDING CHANGE OF NORMS UNDER AUWSP.

(a)&(b): The Government proposes to introduce a new Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns which will subsume the existing Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP). This scheme envisages coverage of towns with population upto 10 lakh as per 2001 Census. Water Supply projects in towns with 10 lakh plus population can be taken up under the proposed National Urban Renewal Mission. The details of the two schemes are being finalized.

(c): The number of towns in India having less than 20,000 population and number of towns having population between 20,000 to 1,00,000 as per 2001 Census are 2854 and 1884 respectively.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Several State Governments such as Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and West Bengal have suggested changes in the existing norms of AUWSP, namely, revision of the population limit, inclusion of small towns as per 2001 Census, enhancement of per capita water supply norm, per capita cost and revision of financing pattern. As stated in reply to part (a) and (b) above, the norms for urban infrastructure projects are being reviewed.